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PROJECT TITLE: Amendment of Rule 219 – *Equipment Not Requiring a Permit*

PROJECT LOCATION – SPECIFIC: Los Angeles County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: Los Angeles County

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The proposed amendments to Rule 219 are necessary to address a more detailed interpretation by CARB of Senate Bill (SB) 700 provisions and to update Rule 219 provisions applying to welding and coating or adhesive application or laminating equipment.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Antelope Valley AQMD

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Antelope Valley AQMD

EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE)

Ministerial (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); 14 Cal Code Reg. §15268)

Emergency Project (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(4); 14 Cal Code Reg. §15269(b))

☒ Categorical Exemption – Class 8 (14 Cal Code Reg. §15308)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed amendments to Rule 219 are exempt from CEQA review because they will not create any adverse impacts on the environment.

The proposed amendments to Rule 219 will clarify portions of the rule that were previously adopted to incorporate the provisions of SB 700. Language is being changed in accordance with CARB interpretation so that the agricultural source exemption threshold corresponds to a SIP or Federal major source threshold.

The exemption for welding is also proposed for modification to reflect requirements in the *Rule and Implementation Information for Nine Metal Fabrication and Finishing Area Source Categories* (40 CFR 63 Subpart XXXXXX) which regulates nine (9) industrial processes, including welding. This is no longer a blanket exemption and may require a small number of facilities to obtain permits that were previously exempted. This amendment strengthens the exemption and will not create any increase in emissions.

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Because there is no potential that the amendments might cause the release of additional air contaminants or create any adverse environmental impacts, a Class 8 categorical exemption (14 Cal. Code Reg. §15308) applies. Copies of the documents relating to CEQA can be found in Appendix "D".

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TITLE: Executive Director/APCO DATE: October 18, 2016

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